

City of Loveland Construction Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2011

Roll Call:

Board Members: Jason Baker, David Eads, Greg Meisinger, Bruce Meyer, Ingrid McMillan-Ernst, Chris Rosenberger, Jon Rudolph, David Stamps, and Bill Stenberg

Board Members Absent: Garold Smith and Teri Volk

City Staff Members Present: Tom Hawkinson

City Staff Council Members Present: Donna Rice

- A motion to appoint Greg Meisinger as temporary Chairman was made by Bruce Meyer and seconded by Ingrid McMillan-Ernst

I. Call to Order: Temporary Chairman Greg Meisinger called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

II. Approval of Minutes: One correction to the previous month's meeting minutes needed to be made. Change the adjourn motion by Bruce Meyer to be Jason Baker, and change the second from David Stamps to be Bruce Meyer.

The motion to approve the amended meeting minutes was made by Bruce Meyer, and was seconded by Chris Rosenberger. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports:

a. Citizen:

None

b. Board and Commission Members:

The Boards and Commissions event was attended by Chris Rosenberger. He gave a short synopsis of what other Boards do in the City of Loveland. He also added the possibility of the CAB interacting directly with other Boards in the future.

Garold Smith, Greg Meisinger, Chris Rosenberger, and Jason Baker attended a CEF Work Session. We will be getting an update after the next CAB meeting with more detailed ideas and plans for CEF changes. A mill levy was not well received initially, and the CEFs will remain the same for now. Updates will follow.

c. Staff:

Tom Hawkinson had no new updates.

d. Contractor Licensing:

None

e. FRAC: Everette Roberts

Adoption of the fire code is still under review, and is not it to the City Attorney yet. There is no defined timeline, but the review should be complete by the end of the year. There is no conflict if the 2006 Fire Code and the 2009 Building Code are in force during the same period of time. Greg Meisinger raised the question of house sprinkler system requirements. Tom Hawkinson said this requirement will be deleted, and the CAB will help determine the implementation timeline for house fire sprinkler systems. Details must be reviewed further before any action takes place.

IV. New Business:

Bob Paulsen the City of Loveland Current Planning Commissioner gave a presentation on the NextMedia billboards. A packet of information was handed out to all present Board members. Mr. Paulsen is willing to come back to the CAB to discuss the handouts further. Currently NextMedia owns 19 billboards and signs in the City's Growth Management Area. Eight or nine billboards are within City limits. Billboards are no longer allowed to be installed in the city, but existing billboards were grandfathered in. NextMedia owns all of the grandfathered billboards within City limits. They are only allowed to change the sign contents and maintain their existing signs. NextMedia wants to enter in to an agreement with the City to relocate approximately eight signs in more strategic marketing locations. At least four of the new billboards would be digital and the remaining eight signs NextMedia owns would be removed. City staff worked with the Title 18 Committee for further comments. For these new billboards to be installed the City would have to amend the current code and create a specific agreement with NextMedia. City Council has seen a full presentation on NextMedia's proposal and has decided to table the issue for six months. One major concern is new billboards would become dominate in their area. These electronic billboards are much larger than current sign codes allow. Another concern is distracting drivers and the frequency of advertisement changes. There are typically six to eight ads that cycle through every five seconds. A counter proposal was proposed (page 3 of the memo) to enter in to an agreement to only allow four new electronic billboards in current billboard locations, and NextMedia would have to comply with current signage code limits. The digital billboards would display advertisements on both sides of the sign. Chris Rosenberger noted he saw a sign in Nebraska that changed every three to four minutes, cutting down on the driving distraction. The on premise digital sign code has been revised within the past year. NextMedia feels strongly about having a five to six second ad cycle time. Other communities have set code requirements for ad cycle times from three seconds to five minutes. Mr. Paulsen noted this presentation was for information only for the Board, and he was not seeking any recommendations from the CAB. Ingrid McMillan-Ernst said it would be helpful to see a scaled picture of the proposed signs. Mr. Paulsen said the NextMedia presentation had much more information and the packet he handed out doesn't do it justice. There has been no conclusive research on distraction from electronic billboards. CDOT has a five to six second requirement for signs along highways. There is

currently a federal study underway on distractions from electronic billboards. Donna Rice liked the idea of reducing the number of old and decaying signs with a few fresh new signs that can help local businesses. These new signs could also send out community messages and emergency info. Amber alerts, weather alerts, and traffic alerts can all be shown on the digital billboards. Aesthetics is one of the main issues with replacing the older less attractive signs. David Stamps agreed and also liked the idea that this would help the city and be on someone else's tab. Bruce Meyer asked where these new signs would be located and which old signs would be removed. Ingrid McMillan-Ernst recommended adding design guidelines. Jason Baker added that the old signs have a much higher probability of blow over and rot. New signs will be built structurally to the latest codes. Mr. Paulsen said there would be an agreement with Larimer County making a tri-party agreement. The new signs cannot be built in right-of-ways. There are further State requirements that are being researched. The City cannot regulate what is being advertised due to the First Amendment. Signs can be dimmed, but this is difficult to enforce and measure.

V. Old Business:

a. Comp Plan Review:

The issue at hand with House Bill 1120 is the requirement for anyone who installs fire sprinklers to be licensed plumbers. This bill was dropped. The CAB reviewed the Colorado Chapter ICC Legislative Update. David Stamps asked for further information on House Bill 1050 – Boiler Inspections by the Division of Oil & Public Safety.

b. 2011 CAB Work Program:

Tom Hawkinson requested input on amending the Comp Plan as it's a five to seven year rolling plan.

The Boards and Commissions meeting was discussed in more detail. Chris Rosenberger was amazed by the number of volunteer boards. One or two representatives from each board attended the event, and all 23 boards were in attendance. Chris would like to see a more informal setting with all board members invited. Tom Hawkinson would like to have one or two meetings per year with the CAB, Fire Board, Disabilities Board, and Historical Preservation Board.

c. 2009 International Codes:

Code adoption will go to City Council very soon. It should be out of the Legal Department in the next few weeks.

VI. Adjournment:

- A motion to table the election of officers to the next meeting was made by Bruce Meyer and was seconded by Ingrid McMillan-Ernst. The motion passed unanimously.
- Donna Rice said there were 238 responses to the City's request for \$3,500,000 budget cut ideas. She requested more input from the public. There are two to three weeks before decisions will be made. Greg Meisinger mentioned changing the road maintenance levels from Level B to Level C to save money.
- Donna Rice also noted there has been absolutely no answer to the ACE bid.

A motion for adjournment was made by Bruce Meyer, and was seconded by Ingrid McMillan-Ernst. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

Sincerely,
David Eads